THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEATH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI DALIT AZHILMALAI): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) The vaccine used under the programme was not spurious. The children to whom the vaccine, which had lost its potency, was administered are being identified from avilable records. Government of Utter Pradesh has been asked to revaccinate all such children.

A high level technical committee was constituted immediately after the incident of administration of vaccine which had lost its potency in Ghaziabad, Uttar Pradesh came to the notice of the Government. The Committee has submitted its report and follow up action is being taken.

Child's Death due to use of Paracetamol

4179. SHRI PREM CHAND GUPTA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item published in the Hindustan Times on 10th May, 1998 titled "one child died, 17 serious after taking paracetamol";

(b) if so, the details thereot;

(c) whether many children had to be hospitalised over the ten days' period who after being treated for mild fever, went into convulsion and lost consciousness on being given course of paracetamol;

(d) if so, the details in this regard;

(e) whether the drugs have been tested in the laboratory; if so, whether some poison was found therin; and

(f) if so, the results and subsequent action taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILITY WELFARE (SHRI DALIT EZHILMALAI): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) to (d) As per the information avilable with the Government, 35 cases of Acute Renal Failure were admitted in Kalawati Saran Children Hospital and AIIMS, New Delhi during the period 1.4.98 to 18.5.98 with unusual clinical syndrome and having symptoms of acute fever, vomiting diarrhoea followed by Anuria. Out of them, 28 are reported to have died. As per the information provided by the relatives of patients 29 patients were resident of Distt. Gurgaon.

(e) and (f) A statment (*See* below) indicating the details of samples of drugs, taken by Drugs Control Authorities for testing, on the basis of suspicion that these drugs were prescribed/administered/distributed to the children by the Medical Practitioners Chemists & Druggists is annexed., 29 samples were sent to Govt. Testing Lab. Of the samples tested, 20 samples have been declared to be of standard quality whereas 2 samples were reported to be not of standard quality by the Govt. Analyst, Haryana, for the reason that the active content was found to be less than the labelled amount. The samples were additionally put on test for "Toxicity" and were found to be complying with pharmacopocial specifications and adulterants like "Ethylene glycol" and "Diethyleneglycol" were also found to be absent.

Senior Drugs Inspector Haryana at Gurgaon has initiated steps for further investigation against the defaulters under the provisions of Drugs & Cosmetics Act, 1940 & Rules thereunder on the basis of reports received on 2 samples of drugs which have been declared to be not of standard quality by the Govern Analyst, Haryana.

Statement

A Statement Indicating samples of Drugs taken by the Drugs Control Authorities and sent for analysis to the Govt. Testing Labs.

Sl. No.	Name of the Drug	B.No.	Manufactured by	Results of analysis
1.	Nobemol Suspension	2371	M/s Noble Remedies, Gurgaon (Haryana)	Standard
2.	Nobprim Suspension	2365	—do—	Sub-standard
3.	Paracetamol Tablets	MKV 7048	M/s Merind Ltd., Mumbai	Standard
4.	Nobemol Suspension	2348	M/s Noble Remedies, Gurgaon	Standard
5.	Enfur Suspension	2242	—do—	Standard
6.	Nobemol Suspension	2371	—do—	Standard
7.	Paracetamol I.P.	3850198	M/s Nalin Chemicals, Bhiwadi (Raj.)	Standard
8.	Nobeprim Suspesnion	2365	M/s Noble Remedies, Gurgaon	Sub-standard
9.	Nobemol Suspension	2371	M/s Noble Remedies, Gurgaon	Standard
10.	Micacin Inj. (500 mg)	010217	M/s Aristo Pharma Lt., Mandideef, M.P.	Standard
11.	Mikacin Inj. (200 mg)	0204A8-B	—do—	Standard
12.	Chloramphenicol Succinate inj.	1041	M/s Mac Labs. Ltd. Mumbai	Standard
13.	Gentamycin Inj.	T-803	M/s Blue Cross Labs. Ltd., Nashik	Standard
14.	Gentamycin In.	7958	M/s Fulford (I) Ltd., Hyderabad	Standard
15.	Chloramphenicol Palmitate Oral Susp.	682	M/s Mims Lab., Sonipat	Standard
16.	Lopramide Hydrochloride Tablets	LDP-06	M/s Cyper Pharma, New Delhi	Standard
17.	Inj. Febrinil	FB.643R	M/s Adel Labs. Ltd. Goa	—
18.	Dexamethasone Sodium Phosphate Inj.	0191	M/s Merind Ltd., Mumbai	—
19.	Declofenac Inj. I.P.	345	M/s Cross Land Research Lab. Mumbai	—
20.	Taxim Inj.	Txl-8010	M/s Alkem Lab. Ltd., Mumbai	—
21.	Trimethoprim & Sulphamethoxazole Susp.	J248	M/s Jagson Pal Pharmaceuticals, Faridabad	Standard
22.	Gentamycin Sulphate Inj.	MSJ-8126	M/s Sanjivini Parenterals Ltd., Thane	Standard
23.	Ampicillin Inj.	096	M/s Cebon (I) Ltd., Gurgaon	Standard
24.	Nobemol Suspension	2371	M/s Noble Remedies, Gurgaon	—
25.	Enchest Exp.	2366	—do—	—
26.	Nobemo Suspension	2348	—do—	Standard
27.	—do—	2318	—do—	Standard
28.	—do—	2371	—do—	Standard
29.	Enchese Exp.	2366	—do—	Standard